

TOWN OF LOS GATOS
COUNCIL POLICY COMMITTEE
March 24, 2016, 10:00 a.m.

110 E. Main Street
Town Council Chambers
Los Gatos, California

MINUTES

Call to Order

The Council Policy Committee meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Members and Staff present:

Vice Mayor Marico Sayoc
Councilmember Marcia Jensen
Laurel Prevetti, Town Manager
Rob Shultz, Town Attorney
Joel Paulson, Community Development Director
Monica Renn, Economic Vitality Manager

Verbal Communications

Dr. Weissman spoke regarding a variety of matters including tree protection at the Highland Project; Tree Ordinance violations on a 36-acre property adjacent to Highlands; implementation of the Tree Protection Ordinance; grading violation on his street (Francis Oaks); and other concerns.

Agenda Items

1. Approval of March 7, 2016 Council Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Committee Action:

The Committee unanimously approved the draft minutes with no changes.

2. Review and discuss staff recommendations to amend Council Policy 2-11 entitled Commission Appointments

Vice Mayor Sayoc suggested the process be changed to written ballot, and Councilmember Jensen agreed. Discussion occurred and it was agreed upon that the recommendation would be one ballot with all of the Commission and Committee openings with only eligible candidates listed on the ballot. Councilmembers would vote during the public meeting on a written ballot and then a five minute recess would be taken to tally the ballots. Successful candidates would be announced after the recess in the public forum. Any ties would require a written revote in the same fashion as the original vote.

Rob Schultz will provide the edits to the currently policy to reflect this recommendation and email the draft policy to the Policy Committee. The Policy Committee also agreed to eliminate (d.) on page 2 of the current policy as the language is perceived to be redundant.

3. Review and discuss issues related to an Entertainment Policy

The Committee discussed separating the policies regarding alcohol and entertainment, and only working with the entertainment policy at this time, leaving the alcohol for a future discussion.

The Committee reviewed the policy drafted in 2014 and agreed that the guideline of entertainment before 10 p.m. should be allowed by right and any entertainment after 10 p.m. should require a separate permit, but not a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) regardless of whether there is amplification, given that compliance with the Town Code provisions on noise is required.

The Policy Committee asked staff to start with the 2014 draft policy and make amendments to “parrot” the language that is included in the Music in the Park and Jazz on the Plazz contracts as they relate to sound, specially noting the language used in paragraphs 9, 10, 24 and 25.

In addition, the current status of existing CUPs was discussed, noting that there are three scenarios: those CUPS that have language requiring the business to comply with the Town’s Entertainment Policy; CUPs that are silent; and those which prohibit live entertainment. If an entertainment policy is adopted, for the first two scenarios, a new policy would be the provisions these businesses would be required to follow. For those businesses with the prohibition of live entertainment (third scenario), a CUP modification would be required.

Additional Discussion

The Committee requested that staff return with the Town’s current guidelines and regulations on candidates and election endorsement. For future meetings, the Committee was interested in creating a legislation policy and continuing its land use policy work.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 14, 2016 at 10 a.m. in the Town Council Chambers. The Committee requested the following items be on the agenda:

- Updated draft Entertainment Policy
- Facility Use Policy